

December 16, 2002

The Honorable Frank H. Murkowski, Governor
Members of the Alaska State Legislature
Public Employees' Retirement Board
Alaska State Pension Investment Board
Employers and Plan Members of the System

We are pleased to present the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (System) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002.

This report is intended to provide comprehensive information on the financial operations of the System for the year. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data, and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the System. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the enclosed data is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the System for the year ended June 30, 2002. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the System's activities have been included.

For financial reporting purposes, the System utilizes Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 25, *Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contribution Plans*, GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, GASB Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments: Omnibus*, and GASB Statement No. 38, *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures*. Assets of the System are presented at fair value. The actuarial value of assets and the actuarial accrued liability are presented in the required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements.

The FY 2002 CAFR is divided into five sections:

- **Introductory Section**, which contains this letter of transmittal, the administrative organization of the System, and a list of the members serving on the Public Employees' Retirement Board;
- **Financial Section**, which contains the management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) (new disclosure information), the Independent Auditors' Report, the basic financial statements, required supplementary information, and additional information;
- **Investment Section**, which contains a message from the Chair of the Alaska State Pension Investment Board (ASPIB), a list of members serving on the ASPIB, a report on investment activity, investment results, and various investment schedules;
- **Actuarial Section**, which contains the Actuarial Certification letter and the results of the most current (June 30, 2001) annual actuarial valuation; and
- **Statistical Section**, which includes graphs and tables of significant data.

The Alaska PERS was established in 1961 to provide pension and postemployment healthcare benefits for eligible state and local government employees. Normal service, survivor, and disability benefits are available to all members who attain the age and service requirements of the System.

	PERS		
	FY02	FY01	FY00
Net Assets (millions)	\$7,412.8	8,088.4	8,756.6
Participating Employers	161	150	151

Reporting Entity

The System is considered a component unit of the State of Alaska for financial reporting purposes. Because of the closeness of the System's relationship to the State, it is included in the State of Alaska CAFR as a blended component unit.

The Commissioner of the Department of Administration, appointed by the Governor, is responsible for administering the System. In order to meet the statutory requirements of administering the System, the Commissioner appoints the Director of the Division of Retirement and Benefits. The Director is responsible for the daily operations of the System.

The Public Employees' Retirement Board prescribes policies and regulations, hears appeals, and approves employers' contribution rates prepared by the System's independent actuary.

The ASPIB has statutory oversight of the System's investments and the authority to invest the System's monies. Actual investing is performed by external investment firms and investment officers of the Department of Revenue, Treasury Division listed in the Investment Section of this report. The Treasury Division is responsible for carrying out investment policies established by ASPIB.

Major Initiatives

The System continues to make progress on completing several on-going projects. Most of these efforts focused on improvements in technology, improving methods for members to obtain information about the System and their benefits, and continued compliance with accounting requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) as applicable in the circumstances.

During FY 2002, the System granted a discretionary cost-of-living increase, along with the statutorily required automatic cost-of-living increase.

Independent Audit

The System's annual audit was conducted by the independent accounting firm of KPMG LLP. The auditors' report on the basic financial statements is included in the Financial Section of this report.

Actuarial Valuation

An actuarial valuation of the System is performed annually. An assumption experience study is performed at least every other year. The actuarial firm, Mercer Human Resource Consulting, completed the actuarial reviews and valuations as of June 30, 2001, and served as technical advisor to the System. Actuarial certifications and supporting statistics are included in the Actuarial and Statistical Sections of this report.

Professional Services

Professional consultants are retained to perform professional services that are essential to the effective and efficient operation of the System. A list of consultants is provided in the Introductory Section with the exception of investment professional consultants, who are listed in the Investment Section of this report.

Certificate of Achievement

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Alaska Public Employees' Retirement System for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

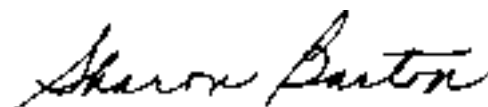
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The preparation of this report is made possible by the dedicated service of the staff of the System. It is intended to provide complete and reliable information as a basis for making management decisions, as a means of determining compliance with legal provisions, and as a means of determining responsible stewardship of the funds of the System.

The report is being mailed to all employer members of the System. They form the link between the System and the membership. Their cooperation contributes significantly to the success of the System. We hope the employers and plan members find this report informative.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Public Employees' Retirement Board, the Alaska State Pension Investment Board, the staff, the advisors, and to the many people who have worked so diligently to assure the successful operation of the System.

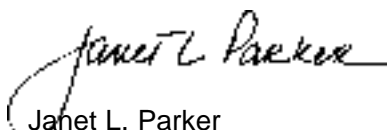
Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Barton
Acting Commissioner



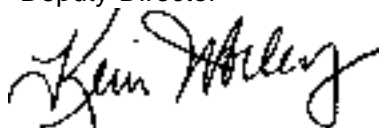
Guy Bell
Director



Janet L. Parker
Deputy Director



Anselm Staack, CPA, JD
Chief Financial Officer



Kevin Worley, CPA
Defined Benefits Accounting Supervisor

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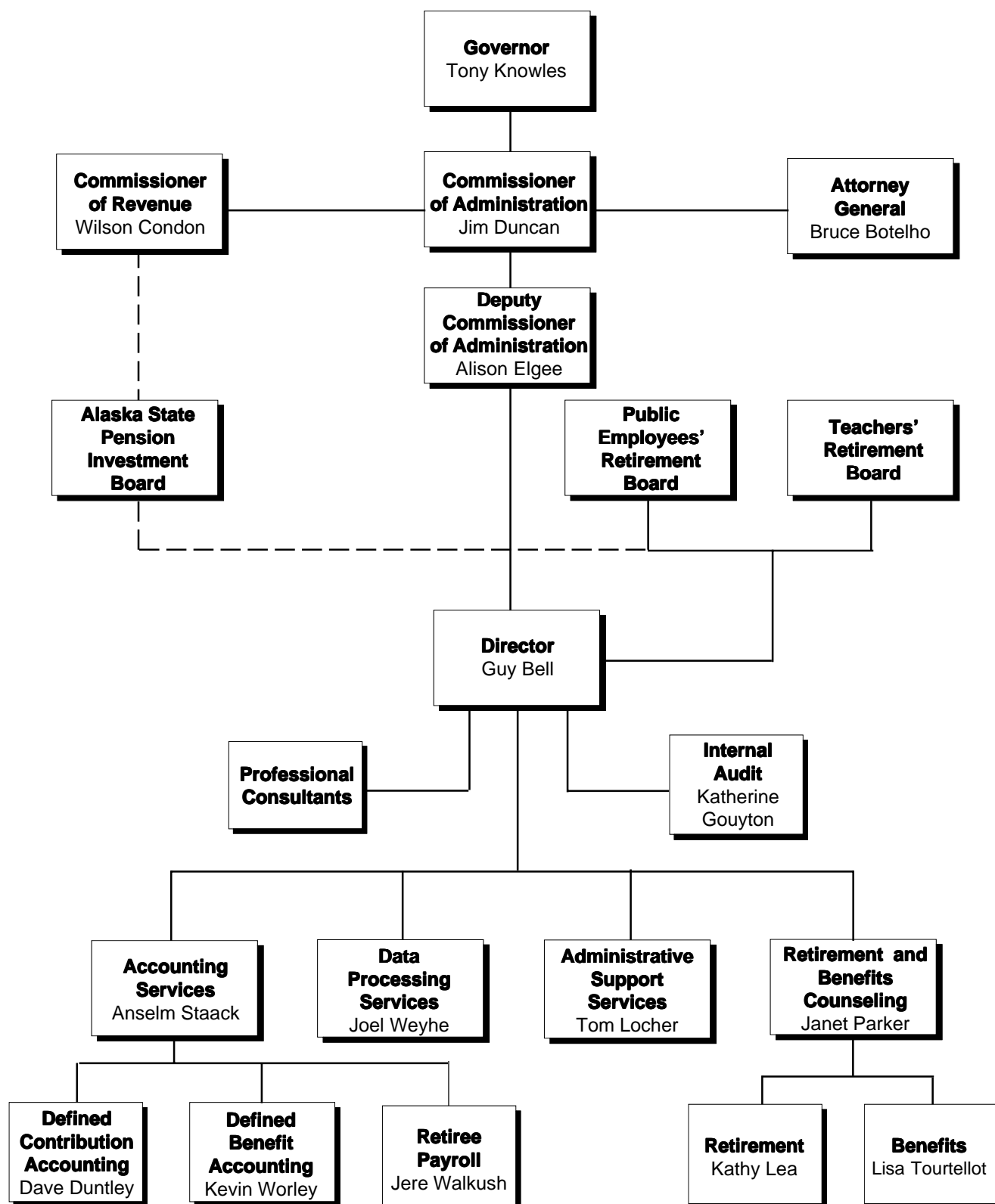
A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada to government units and public employee retirement systems whose comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFRs) achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting.



Timothy A. Graw
President

Jeffrey L. Esser
Executive Director

ORGANIZATION CHART as of June 30, 2002



Section Responsibilities

The **Retirement Section** is responsible for providing comprehensive retirement counseling to the participating members and employers in the plan. The section appoints members to retirement benefits and maintains benefit payment information.

The **Benefits Section** is responsible for the administration of group health, disability, and life insurance. This section provides benefits counseling and plan change information to the membership.

The **Defined Benefit Accounting Section** is responsible for maintaining the employee and employer records and accounts in each of the defined benefit plans administered by the Division, producing financial statements and reports, and assuring compliance with the Internal Revenue Service requirements for defined benefit plans.

The **Defined Contribution Accounting Section** is responsible for accounting, plan operations, and financial activities related to the defined contribution plan systems administered by the Division.

The **Data Processing Services Section** supports the information systems the Systems use. Responsibilities include planning, development, data base design, programming, and operational support of the data processing systems, including the Local Area Network.

The **Administrative Support Services Section** is responsible for budget preparation, fiscal management of appropriations, procurement of professional services, supplies, and equipment. The section manages the systems' record center containing the member's physical records and performs other administrative functions such as legislative tracking and personnel management.

The **Retiree Payroll Section** is responsible for issuing monthly and on-demand retirement benefit payments to eligible retirees or their beneficiaries. The section maintains accurate records for reporting benefit recipient tax statements and reporting and paying withheld income taxes, garnishments, and IRS levies.

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS	
<p>Consulting Actuary Mercer Human Resource Consulting <i>Seattle, Washington</i></p> <p>Independent Auditors KPMG LLP <i>Anchorage, Alaska</i></p> <p>Benefits Consultant Deloitte & Touche, LLP <i>Minneapolis, Minnesota</i></p> <p>Third Party Health Claim Administrator Aetna Life Insurance Company <i>Walnut Creek, California</i></p>	<p>Legal Counsel John Gaguine Kathleen Strasbaugh Assistant Attorney General <i>Juneau, Alaska</i></p> <p>Legal Counsel - Retirement Boards Wohlforth, Vassar, Johnson & Brecht <i>Anchorage, Alaska</i></p> <p>Consulting Physicians Kim Smith, M.D. William Cole, M.D. <i>Juneau, Alaska</i></p>

A list of external money managers and consultants for the System can be found on pages 48-49, and the Schedule of Investment Management Fees on pages 58-59.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD



James "Pat" Wellington, Chair

Term Expires: April 5, 2008

Pat Wellington was born in Ketchikan, Alaska and graduated from Douglas High School. He served two years in the U.S. Army and started his law enforcement career with the Seward Police Department in late 1955. He served as Deputy U.S. Marshal, Alaska State Troopers; Chief of Police of Juneau; Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety; and retired in 1977 as Director of the Alaska State Troopers. Mr. Wellington is also a trustee of the Alaska State Pension Investment Board.



Charles Borg, Vice Chair

Term Expires: June 20, 2004

Charles Borg resides in Anchorage. Raised in Washington, he graduated from Eastern Washington University in 1960 and began his career in the Army Infantry the same year. His military assignments included two tours of duty in Vietnam, infantry troop assignments in Europe, Alaska Director of Selective Service, and duty on the Army staff at The Pentagon.

After his retirement from military active duty, he joined Alaska State government serving as Director of Veterans Affairs, and Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. From 1991 to 1999, Mr. Borg served as Director of Managed Health Care at Elmendorf Hospital and federal health care coordinator for Veterans Affairs.



Bette Reed

Term Expires: June 20, 2006

Bette Reed has lived in Alaska since 1962. She is a graduate of Bellevue School of Nursing in New York City, Matanuska-Susitna College, and the University of the State of New York. Bette is retired from the Mat-Su Borough School District where she was employed as a school nurse. Prior employment includes hospitals in Anchorage as well as New York, Connecticut, and Maine. She is an active member of NEA-Alaska Retired. She also volunteers at Mat-Su schools and Alaska Health Fairs. Her husband, Gene, also a PERS member, is retired from the Municipality of Anchorage.



Frank Narusch

Term Expires: April 24, 2006

Frank Narusch has been an Alaskan resident since 1952. Raised in the coal mining camp of Suntrana on the Healy River, he boarded away to attend high school at Monroe High School in Fairbanks and Copper Valley School in Glennallen. While attending Seattle University, he worked summers commercial fishing in Cordova, coal mining in Suntrana, and surveying and inspecting projects around Fairbanks and Valdez for the Department of Highways (now DOT&PF). After receiving a degree in civil engineering in 1966, he began his professional career with the Department of Highways. During his 31 years of State employment, he held positions as Construction Project Manager, Regional Materials Engineer, Contract Claims Engineer, and Professional Services Chief. While with the State, he was active with the Alaska Public Employees Association.

He enjoys weekly breakfast get-togethers with retired friends as well as summer travel, camping, and exploring back roads around the State.



Don Hoover

Term Expires: June 20, 2004

Don Hoover resides in Fairbanks. He was born and raised in Washington, and graduated from Gonzaga University in 1952. He served in the US Navy from 1944-1946 in the Pacific Area prior to college. He moved to Alaska in 1956 and began a 22 year career in banking in Fairbanks and Nome. He also is a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington in 1963. During his ten years in Nome, he served two terms as Mayor of Nome.

In 1978 he joined the State Department of Commerce until retirement in July 1985. He was appointed to the Older Alaska Commission on Aging (later the Alaska Commission on Aging) in 1994 and was a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging in 1995. He remained on the Commission on Aging until June 1, 2000. While on the Commission, he was also on the Pioneer Home Advisory Board for 6 years.